



Tennessee State Record Fish Application Instructions

1. To be considered for a state record certificate, the fish must be weighed on certified scales. These scales may be found at supermarket meat centers or at TWRA Regional Offices.
2. Two witnesses, one of which must be the scale operator/owner, must sign the application certifying that they have observed the declared weight.
3. Only species recognized by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) will be considered for Tennessee state record certification. These are available at <http://www.igfa.org>.
4. A new state record will be recognized only if the weight of the fish exceeds 1 oz. or more than the weight of the previous state record for that species or recognized hybrid (see instruction 6).
5. It is the responsibility of the fisherman to contact a TWRA fisheries biologist for positive identification of the fish. The fish must be fresh or frozen until positive species identity can be established.
6. Only two hybrid classifications, the striped bass x white bass (Cherokee bass) and the walleye x sauger (Saugeye), will be considered for state record classification. Applicants must be willing to submit to the professional judgment of the certifying biologist as to the fish's hybrid status.
7. TWRA reserves the right to conduct genetic testing on any fish submitted as a state record to verify its species or hybrid status.
8. The completed application must be forwarded to the TWRA Fisheries Management Division within 30 days of the catch in order to be considered for a state record certificate.

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